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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office action mailed February 5, 2003, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response by the initial, no-fee deadline of May 5, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10, 11, 12, and 19 as follows.

10. (Amended) A prostatic stent-catheter system for draining fluid from the bladder and through the prostate after prostate treatment, comprising:
- (a) a stent comprising a body member including a distal terminating end, a proximal end portion, and a lumen extending within the body member, the body member sized for placement substantially within the prostatic section of the urethra with the distal terminating end located proximal of the external sphincter; and
- (b) a connecting segment comprising an elongated body member including a distal end located outside of a patient's body, a proximal end releasably coupled to the distal terminating end, and a lumen which extends within the elongated body member and aligns with the lumen of the body member of the stent when the proximal end of the elongated body member of the connecting segment is coupled

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